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TENTATIVE SLAUGHTER HOG AND HOG CARCASS GRADING CHART
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Grade	Choice Fat	Choice Meat	Good	Medium	Out
	9 : 8	7 : 6	5 : 4	3 : 2	1 : 0
Length	Slightly short	Moderately long	Long	Very long	Extremely long
Depth	Deep	Moderately deep	Slightly shallow	Shallow	Very shallow
Width	Wide	Moderately wide	Slightly narrow	Narrow	Very narrow
Back: a. Poll to tail	Straight and level	Slightly arched	Slightly low	Low	Very low
b. Side to side	Very full, uniform and level	Full, uniform, and slightly arched	Slightly deficient in fullness	Deficient in fullness	Very deficient in fullness
Shoulders	Smooth	Moderately smooth	Slightly prominent	Prominent	Very prominent
Sides	Straight or regular	Moderately regular	Slightly irregular	Irregular	Very irregular
Belly: a. Underline	Straight and level	Nearly straight	Slightly uneven	Uneven	Very uneven
b. Flanks	Very full	Full	Slightly deficient	Deficient	Very deficient
c. Smoothness	Smooth	Moderately smooth	Slightly wrinkled	Wrinkled	Very wrinkled
Hams: a. Thickness	Very full and thick	Full and thick	Slightly flat & thin	Flat and thin	Very flat & thin
b. Smoothness	Very smooth	Smooth	Slightly rough	Rough	Very rough
c. Shanks	Short	Moderately short	Slightly long	Long	Very long
Finish: a. Thickness	Thick	Moderately thick	Slightly thin	Thin	Very thin
b. Firmness	Hard	Medium hard	Medium soft	Soft	Oily
c. Uniformity	Uniform	Moderately uniform	Slightly uneven	Uneven	Very uneven
Skin: a. Smoothness	Smooth	Moderately smooth	Slightly rough	Rough	Very rough
b. Thickness	Very thin	Thin	Slightly thick	Thick	Very thick
Feet and Lower					
Legs: a. Smoothness	Very smooth	Smooth	Slightly rough	Rough	Very rough
b. Size	Small	Moderately small	Slightly large	Large	Very large
c. Length	Short	Moderately short	Slightly long	Long	Very long
Composite grade					

Type: _____
 1. Large plus 3. Intermediate plus 5. Small plus Estimated live wt. _____ Carcass wt. Hot _____ Yield _____
 2. Large minus 4. Intermediate minus 6. Small minus Actual live wt. _____ Carcass wt. Cold _____ Yield _____

